

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
November 3, 2021 Minutes

Notice of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting location change November 3, 2021. Pursuant to Governor Murphy's Executive Orders #107 and 108 ordering Statewide lockdowns, and P.L. 2020, c. 34 permitting public bodies to conduct meetings via electronic means during declared states of emergency, the meeting of the Borough of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting scheduled for November 3 **at 7:30 p.m.** will be conducted remotely from the electronic meeting platform Zoom.us. Members of the public can join the meeting and participate during public comment period by joining the meeting using the Zoom mobile application on a smartphone or tablet, joining the meeting by laptop with microphone capabilities, or dialing in using a telephone to the Zoom teleconference system. Information on how to join the meeting electronically appears below. Members of the public may submit written comments in advance of a meeting, which will be read during the relevant public portion of the meeting. Written comments shall contain the person's name and address and may be submitted via email to the Borough Clerk (clerk@harringtonparknj.gov) or by mail addressed to: Clerk, Borough Hall, 85 Harriot Ave., Harrington Park, NJ. Emailed comments must be received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Mailed comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. If any meeting includes a public hearing, all material that will be considered by the Borough Council at the public hearing shall be posted on or linked to the homepage of the Borough's website in a conspicuous location or as otherwise required by law. Written comments, as set forth above, will be accepted for such public hearings. If sworn testimony is to be taken during the public hearing, it shall be broadcast by both video and audio. Written public comments will not be considered where sworn testimony is required. Topic: Environmental Commission of Harrington Park meeting. Date and Time: November 3, 2021, 7:30 p.m. EST. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81425265967?pwd=eHd4RUwrdUZFYTM2eXVtdUdjVVZQQT09>. Meeting ID: 814 2526 5967 Passcode: 08052020 One tap mobile +16465588656,,81425265967#,,,,*08052020# US (New York). Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 814 2526 5967 Passcode: 08052020. Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81425265967?pwd=eHd4RUwrdUZFYTM2eXVtdUdjVVZQQT09>. A copy of the agenda is available at the Borough of Harrington Park website: www.harringtonparknj.gov. Members of the public may contact the Borough Clerk to obtain copies of the meeting materials at (201) 768-1700 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during normal business days, or by e-mail: Ann Bistriz clerk@harringtonparknj.gov. All documents for matters on the agenda are electronically on file at the following website: www.harringtonparknj.gov.

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:34 pm with the following announcement: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to the Record and is filed with the Borough Clerk. Further, the amendment to the format of the meeting was adequately advertised.

Roll Call

Peter Ardito (PA) - present
Theresa Hazelton (TH) - present
Meredith Budinich (MB) - present
Councilman Brockman (JB) - absent

Sung Yoo (SY) - absent
Mary Ann Schran (MAS) - present
Anne Lander (AL) - present
Councilwoman Chung (JC) – absent

Acceptance of Minutes from April 7 need to resend as the minutes were not attached.

October 6 meetings Anne moved to accept the minutes, second Meredith. All in favor. Carried.

Green Team Dan Drillich is interested in the EC. Marti sent him an invitation to tonight's meeting.

The DPW dropped off chips at Beechwoods. We can spread them before the end of the year.

OLD

Community Garden: location, costs, and maintenance will be discussed over the winter. Meredith will head a subcommittee, and Anne will be on it. Jeannie Hwang (visitor) spoke about a "Plant a Row" program. Jeff has spoken with St. Andrew's Church about a location.

SUEZ update: Peter met with Chris Retty and Matt (who will take over for Chris, who is being promoted). DeRosa Landscapers will maintain the part near Livingston.

Planning Board: Peter gave an update on the 20 Pascack subdivision.

Old Tappan 5.5 acre plot: Peter attended the Old Tappan Planning Board meeting. He is very proud of the involvement and seriousness of the HPEC. The Old Tappan EC is trying to save the plot where building is planned. SWAN may give money, and Green Acres money may be used. Perhaps a community or nature center can be created near the vernal pond.

Peter Ardito and Bill Howe walked the potential path. It goes near the Peace Garden in Pondside Park. Peter suggested making the path parallel to the power lines.

We will have a cleanup on 11/20 (rain date 11/21).

NEW

2022 projects:

Cleanups: Perhaps do one at the Swim Club if the Swim Club participates.

Community Gardens

Solar-powered Scoreboard

Work with Secaucus EC

Jeff learned that Suez donated machinery and manpower to an Orangetown Community Garden

Adjourn: Mary Ann moved to adjourn second Theresa. All in favor. Meeting adjourned about 8:45 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 1

